



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1637
Examiner: Suryaprabha Chunduru

In Re Application of:

Inventor(s) : Ellen M. Heath *et al.*
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For : Improved Methods to Isolate DNA
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION



Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

This is a response to the outstanding office action, dated July 15, 2003. A petition for a three month extension of time, up to and including January 15, 2004 accompanies this response.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-28, 30-38, 40-49, 51-59, and 61-65 remain pending in this application. As per the Examiner's statement in the office action dated July 15, 2003, the typographical error in claim 2 is corrected, and the specification amended to capitalize the use of